

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

April 20, 2021
City Manager

TITLE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE CITY OF PLEASANTON'S SUPPORT OF THE EQUAL TREATMENT FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS

SUMMARY

Following a City statement condemning acts of violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI), the Council is presented for its consideration a resolution affirming the City of Pleasanton's support for equal treatment for the AAPI community.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the attached resolution in support of equal treatment for Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI).

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

There is no financial impact with adoption of this resolution.

BACKGROUND

In response to the recent increase in violent attacks against Asian American and Pacific Islander communities across the nation and state, the City of Pleasanton published this statement on March 22, 2021, on its social media platforms:

The City of Pleasanton condemns any acts of violence against the Asian American and Pacific Islander community, and opposes all forms of racism and discrimination now and at all times.

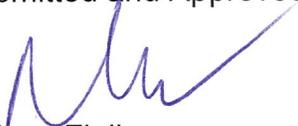
We are a city that continues to strive for equity, inclusion, and diversity throughout our community.

Additionally, Mayor Brown and Police Chief Swing were invited by residents of Pleasanton’s Asian American and Pacific Islander community to participate in a virtual community forum – “ Your Safety Matters: A discussion about protecting yourself against targeted racial hate” – during which residents we able to ask questions and share concerns, and foster relations with City leaders.

DISCUSSION

Members of the City Council requested consideration of a resolution to acknowledge the increase in derogatory speech and violence against the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. This resolution reaffirms the City of Pleasanton’s commitment to equity, inclusion, and diversity, which serves to make Pleasanton a safe environment for its residents and businesses, and stronger and more vibrant community.

Submitted and Approved by:



Nelson Fialho
City Manager

Attachments:

1. Resolution for Equal Treatment for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLEASANTON IN SUPPORT OF EQUAL TREATMENT FOR ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS

WHEREAS, the City of Pleasanton is a community that supports equity, inclusion and diversity of people of all races, national origins, and ethnicities in guaranteeing the safety and security of all residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pleasanton condemns any act of violence, racism, or discrimination against the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community or any other community; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic there has been an increase in the use of anti-Asian terminology, bullying, harassment, and hate incidents and crimes against AAPI persons; and

WHEREAS, such increased stigmatization and acts of hate have created fear among the AAPI community across the nation; and

WHEREAS, continuing to strive for diversity, inclusion, and equity for all residents serves to make Pleasanton a stronger and more vibrant community.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLEASANTON, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

Condemns racism, xenophobia, and intolerance against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and will continue to work to ensure all members, including the AAPI communities, are treated with dignity and equity.

PASSED; APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Pleasanton at a regular meeting held on April 20, 2021.

I, Karen Diaz, City Clerk of the City of Pleasanton, California certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting held on the 20th day of April 2021 by the following vote:

- Ayes:
- Noes:
- Absent:
- Abstain:

Karen Diaz, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Daniel G. Sodergren, City Attorney